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For:

METHODS OF EXTENDING CORNEAL GRAFT

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Also attached: Exhibit A

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

The current status of the claims with claim amendments begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.